



**MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**MISSISSIPPI COUNCIL OF ADVISORS in ATHLETIC TRAINING**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2016**

**Members**

Jeff Bryant, Chairperson  
Kira Berch  
Marcus Osborne  
Shawn Robinson  
Matt Weisenberger  
Richey Woods

**Members Absent**

Jason Craft, MD

**MSDH**

Festus E. Simkins  
Vickey Berryman  
Ellen O'Neal, SAAG  
Yolanda Morrow  
Dexter J. Robinson

1. Mr. Simkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was established.
2. Approval of Minutes

The Council Minutes from June 8, 2015, were approved.

3. Council members decided to maintain the current MATA President as the Chair of the Council in lieu of having elections.

**4. Old Business**

- A. The Council members discussed changing the continuing education requirement of the Regulations Governing Licensure of Athletic Trainers to mirror the current standards of the Board of Certification (BOC), formerly known as the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, Inc. The Council suggested the amended language to read "Continuing education requirements for all licensees, as to the substance and the number of hours, shall be as that for BOC Certification." A motion was made by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Woods. Motion passed.
- B. Council members inquired about the status of a long-standing complaint against a licensed athletic trainer. Ms. O'Neal, SAAG informed the Council that the criminal case against the individual was dismissed and that the defendant did not show up for court. She stated that, should the Council wish the Department had two options: 1) proceeded with a hearing and subpoena the individuals involved or 2) issue a strong letter of reprimand. A motion was made by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Ms. Berch to issue a letter of reprimand to the referenced athletic trainer and for the Department to place the reprimand in her file. Motion passed. Ms. O'Neal will draft the letter and send the draft copy to Council members for review before mailing such to the applicant.

## 5. New Business

- A. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that the Department is drafting new bylaws for each Advisory Council that outline how to conduct the Council meetings. Ms. Morrow will email the draft copy to the Council members for input and the draft will be presented at the next meeting for possible adoption.
  - B. Ms. Berch asked if the Department has received any new complaints. The staff replied that no new complaints had been received, to date.
  - C. Mr. Bryant questioned receiving a renewal letter with "Dietitian" listed as his profession instead of "Athletic Trainer". Ms. Morrow explained that the Department was aware of this incident and that the incident occurred because of a merger error due to a database malfunction. The error has since been corrected.
6. The next Council meeting was set for 2:00 p.m. on June 6, 2016 at the IP Casino in Biloxi, MS.
7. The meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

  
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Council Chairperson

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MSDH By:

23 June 16  
Date